

generally satisfied, that things people are doing generally are all right by their university here in Nebraska, but I think a lot of things can be improved. I think the university has attempted to be all things to all people and that it's clear what we need to do eventually is to merge the systems of higher education, bring the state college system and the university system together and eventually draw on the technical community colleges, but this is an essential first step. It is an essential first step towards bringing that about that we change the method of selecting members of the Board of Regents so that the university will become more effective in the way it is governed. Senator DeCamp asked us to look at the bigger picture and the function of the Governor and Senator DeCamp is right and this constitutional amendment will enable us to clear the way for that, enable us to clear the way so that we can then proceed with the next logical step which is to bring the state college system into the system of higher education. Senator Nelson I think is concerned about keeping politics out of the way we select our regents and she is absolutely right. I think we need as much as possible to keep politics out of those selections. Regional elections have become very expensive. In 1984 two candidates together spent over \$50,000 to be elected to the regents. One candidate spent \$48,000 and all of us ourselves have been through the electoral process and I think we know from our own experience the extent to which that injects politics into our selection and the extent to which in a position that is essentially administrative like the Board of Regents, not policy making like the Legislature, we can improve the effectiveness of our government and improve the system for governing the university by calling for the appointment of the regents. Now these are just some of the reasons, ladies and gentlemen, that I would ask you and I would join the other co-sponsors of this measure and the Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee and others in asking that we advance this bill to Final Reading and give the voters an opportunity, an opportunity to decide whether they'd like to change this system that's been in effect for so many years now, keeping in mind that we earlier this morning adopted an amendment which protects incumbents which guarantees the full term for any individuals elected prior to 1988. With that, Mr. President, I'd ask the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. The question